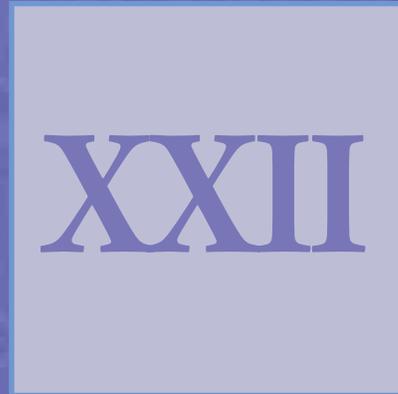
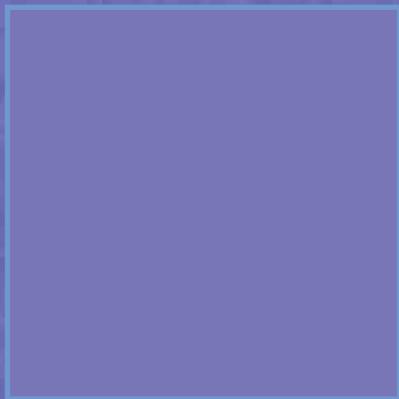
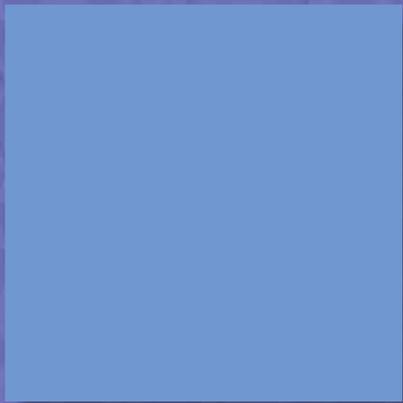


C H A P T E R



1. Be sure to read this chapter twice before starting the study guide. There is much to glean so ask God to open your eyes to see all He has for us here.

2.



Let's begin by looking at some Old Testament verses that will help us understand these holidays a bit more. We will have a greater understanding of our Lord when we glean a better understanding of these celebrations. Read Leviticus 23:4-8, write any facts you learn about the Passover meal and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread

3. Read Exodus 12:14-51; as you read highlight or underline any additional instructions for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. These remembrances are the heart of all Jewish life. In the space below write any additional information you read concerning these holidays.

Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread

4. At this holy time of year, what should Israel's religious leaders be busy doing?
5. Read Luke 22:2 again; what are these "religious leaders" focusing on?
6. What was the only thing restraining them from their evil task?
7. The disdain of these religious leaders for Jesus is great. From all we have seen thus far in our study of the gospel of Luke, what are some of the reasons the Pharisees hate Jesus so much?
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8. Read Matthew 26:3-5; specifically what were these men afraid might happen?
9. Fear is a very tricky emotion; it can restrain our actions, but is that always a bad thing?
10. Can you think of a time that fear of others restrained you in a good way? Not necessarily what they would do but what they might think.

11. Which one of Jesus 12 disciples is mentioned in Luke 22:3-6?
What did you learn about this man from these verses?
- What are some words that might describe him and his actions?
12. Read Luke 22:3, what motivated Judas to go and help those opposing Jesus?
13. Our enemy is cunning. He will watch and wait for the perfect motivation and time to get us to sin. Read John 12:6; what had Satan witnessed that provided the information needed to tempt Judas?
14. Luke 22:7-12 tells us that it was the day of preparation for the Passover. Jesus instructed Peter and John to go into the city and look for a man. Do you see the sovereignty of God in this simple instruction? Many people would have been going in and out of Jerusalem that day, how were they to recognize the man they were to speak to?
15. Think of the last time God had you in just the right spot to serve kingdom needs. Without giving names what were the brief details of your divine appointment. Discuss this in your small group.
- Perhaps you ran into someone who needed a word of comfort.
 - Perhaps God had you in just the right place to see someone about to step in harms way and you were able to stop them.
 - Perhaps it was someone who needed a bit of help and you were there and able.
16. Where do we find Jesus and his disciples in Luke 22:12-14?
Read Matthew 26:20 and Mark 14: 15-18 to go along with these verses, what time of day is it?
Do you remember the details we saw in Exodus 12 concerning when the Passover meal was to be eaten?(Exodus 12:6-11)
17. Fill in the blanks, “I have _____ to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”
Luke 22:15 (NIV)
18. As they reclined at the table, Jesus thanked God for the provision and the meaning of this meal. He then took the bread and broke it and gave them each a piece. What did he say the bread was a symbol of?
19. Next Jesus took the cup, what did he tell them it represented?
20. In Luke 22:22, what did Jesus say about the man who betrays him?
21. In Matthew 26:24 (NIV), Jesus said “*The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be _____ for him if he had _____*”
22. Stop and think about this for just a few minutes. Why would Jesus say it would have been better to never have been born? Would this be true of all who end up in hell?

23. When Jesus mentioned that one of those present would betray him, the disciples all began discussing which one it could be. What happened next that reveals a bit about those who were closest to him? Don't you just feel like saying "Seriously boys, listen to yourselves. Stop it!" But before we throw a stone at them, have you ever said or done something you later would regret?
24. Jesus takes a few minutes to teach his followers what is to be the motivation behind their ministry? What was Jesus' example? Luke 22:27
25. After reading Luke 22:28-30, do you think Jesus got frustrated with them at their lack of understanding or did he see it as something that would change as they matured in their walk of faith?
26. What did he say they would one day do?
27. These next few verses are some of my favorites; they encourage me knowing Jesus was aware of what lay ahead for Peter. Peter thought there was nothing that would keep him from standing with Jesus. Until we are faced with a situation, we rarely know for sure how we will handle it. What did Jesus warn Peter and all the other disciples about?
28. Satan longs to fill our hearts with fear and anxiety. We have said it before, but it bears repeating, fear and faith cannot co-exist. Let us look up some scriptures that speak to this subject. I have left one line blank for you to add your favorite verse about fear vs. faith.

	What do these verses teach concerning fear and faith?
Philippians 4:6-7	
Joshua 1:9	
2 Timothy 1:7	
Proverbs 14:26-27	

29. Jesus wants Peter to understand that he knows how hard it is about to become for him. It is incredibly sad when our fears make us respond as if we don't even know Jesus. But Jesus also knows Peter will turn back, he will repent and seek forgiveness. When he does what has Jesus instructed him to do?

30. 1 Peter 5:6-11 is one of Peter's sermons of encouragement. What steps are believers given in these verses?
31. We do not know what time of night it was, but it had to be getting late. The gospel of John tells us Jesus had washed the disciple's feet giving them an example of true humility and serving others. They have eaten the Passover meal and now have left Jerusalem, crossed the Kidron Valley, and walked over to the Mount of Olives. What instructions does he give to his followers when he enters the Garden of Gethsemane?
32. What does Jesus do?
33. This is a time of great anguish for Jesus. Specifically, what did he ask the Father to do for him?
34. Even though this was a time of wrestling in between his flesh and his spirit,; what does Jesus say in verse 42 that so amazing?
35. Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, The scripture tells us they were exhausted from sorrow (some translations say "overcome with grief"), Have you ever been so emotionally and physically exhausted you just could not stay awake?
- I chose to stay with my mother the night before she died; she was suffering and in great pain. Several times that night, I found myself praying, asking God to ease her pain. As hard as I tried, it seemed I could not stay awake; the pressure and the sorrow of those last several days had caught up with me. I fell asleep in the chair while I prayed. So, I understand a bit about the problem these men faced that night and have empathy for them.
36. Jesus woke up his disciples and while he was speaking to them a large crowd came to where he was standing. The crowd was being led by one of the Twelve. The Scripture said he approached and kissed Jesus. Who was it that betrayed Jesus with a kiss?
37. When Jesus' followers saw what was about to happen, they attempted to stop them. What did one of his followers do?
38. This would be Jesus final act of physically healing someone. What did Jesus do?
39. Wouldn't you think this act of kindness would have convicted their hearts and filled them with love for Jesus?
Did it?
You might want to read Luke 22:54 again.
40. All of Jesus followers scattered at this point. Look at verses 54-57, what do we see Peter doing?
41. Luke 22:58 said "A little later..." What do we see happening here?
42. Luke 22:59 said "About an hour later..." What happened?

43. Then the rooster crowed! Luke tells us Jesus turned and looked straight at Peter. Jesus and Peter made eye contact over all that was going on. What words of Jesus did Peter remember?
44. There are times when we do something that shocks and rocks us to our core. That is where Peter is at this point. The scripture tells us he went out and wept bitterly. Knowing he had not remained with Jesus but had given in to his fears disappointed Peter so much he could hardly bear it. Jesus was his friend, his teacher, his Master, and his Lord and yet Peter would not even admit to knowing him.
Pastor Craig Groeschel said in his book *Divine Direction*. *"Your best decision is the next one that will help you be the person God created you to be."*
We cannot change our past, what can we do? Read Luke 22:32 again.
45. Luke 22:63-65, Jesus torturous night is just beginning. What did Luke tell us those guarding him are doing?
46. What group of leaders was convened at the first light of day?
47. Jesus was led in to stand before them, his accusers. What questions was he asked?
48. Were those of the council satisfied by Jesus' answers?
49. What did Jesus admit, that became the final straw for the "religious leaders" that day?
50. These men had made up their minds, they would not be satisfied until Jesus is dead. The world hates Jesus and if we stand for Jesus, it will hate us as well. Have you ever experienced hatred simply because you follow Jesus?
51. We must remember Jesus came for a purpose. What was that purpose?
52. Could his purpose be fulfilled without suffering?
53. What is your God given purpose?
Do you think there may be some suffering involved in you accomplishing all God has for you to do?

Biblical References

Day One

Question 1

Leviticus 23:4-8 (NIV) “These are the LORD’s appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times: ⁵ The LORD’s Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. ⁶ On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD’s Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. ⁷ On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. ⁸ For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.”

Question 3

Exodus 12:14-51 (NIV) “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. ¹⁵ For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do. ¹⁷ “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. ¹⁸ In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. ¹⁹ For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel. ²⁰ Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.” ²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door-frame. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the door-frame and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. ²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshipped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. ²⁹ At midnight the Lord struck down all the first-born in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. ³¹ During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. ³² Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” ³³ The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” ³⁴ So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. ³⁵ The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. ³⁶ The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians. ³⁷ The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. ³⁸ Many other people went up with them, and also large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. ³⁹ With the dough the Israelites had brought from Egypt, they baked loaves of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. ⁴⁰ Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt[a] was 430 years. ⁴¹ At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the Lord’s divisions left Egypt. ⁴² Because the Lord kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the Lord for the generations to come. ⁴³ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “These are the regulations for the Passover meal: “No foreigner may eat it. ⁴⁴ Any slave you have bought may eat it after you have circumcised him, ⁴⁵ but a temporary resident or a hired worker may not eat it. ⁴⁶ “It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. ⁴⁷ The whole community of Israel must celebrate it. ⁴⁸ “A foreigner residing among you who wants to celebrate the Lord’s Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat it. ⁴⁹ The same law applies both to the native-born and to the foreigner residing among you.” ⁵⁰ All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. ⁵¹ And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Question 8

Matthew 26:3-5 (NIV) Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ⁵ “But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

Day Two

Question 13

John 12:6 (NIV) He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Question 16

Matthew 26:20 (NIV) When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

Mark 14:15-18 (NIV) *He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.*¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, *“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”*

Question 21

Matthew 26:24 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

Day Three

Question 28

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Joshua 1:9 (NIV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Proverbs 14:26-27 (NIV) Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge. ²⁷The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Question 30

1 Peter 5:6-11 (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.